

hours to dispose of the always increasing work of the supreme bench. An increase to five justices would expedite the work and hasten decisions, which would of course be to the advantage of all litigants. A third amendment proposes to permit the investment of the school funds of the state in the bonds of other states, and in bonds of municipalities and drainage corporations in the state. The funds of the state are increasing rapidly and there is need of a wider field of investment. All of the state bonds that are purchasable to net a fair rate of interest have been purchased by the state, all school bonds are taken as offered and still there are funds remaining uninvested. Naturally, it is to the advantage of the state to invest all its funds and receive the interest on the investments, for the support of the schools in the state. The broader the field of safe investment, the more the interest to be received and the lighter school tax will be paid directly by the people.—Bismarck Tribune.

Got His Leg Broken

Hiram Mix was brought to town last Saturday morning with a broken leg and he was taken to the Platou hospital at Valley City for care. Mr. Mix was in the employ of Irvin Clafin where he had been for some time and on Friday evening had gone to the pasture to drive up some colts. It was dark and he forgot that they were digging a basement for a new barn and when he came into the yard walked into it with the above result. They first phoned for Dr. Macdonald but he was out of town and they got the doctor from Cooperstown but he was unable to do anything for him there and advised taking him to the hospital. When they arrived in Courtenay on Saturday morning they learned that the train was several hours late and the man suffered a great deal while waiting. They got him to the hospital in the evening and the

fracture was set and he is reported to be getting along all right.

A Mysterious Well.

In digging a well on the Max Sinclair farm at Mt. Pleasant yesterday, at the depth of 68 feet an unusual occurrence in well digging was found. A slight flow of water was observed by the contractor, Mr. Toopes, who started to get lumber to make a curb and on returning to the spot a loud noise, as a gushing or bubbling could be heard in the well before reaching it. On examination it was found that the water had suddenly risen high in the well and was bubbling and boiling like a cauldron, and continued to do so all day. It is yet in the same condition, apparently being forced up by some pressure from beneath, possibly natural gas. A small vein of good quality lignite coal was found just before striking water, also coarse sand. The water is cold, very muddy and unfit for use when first taken from the well, but upon being allowed to settle is good water. Most of the wells in that vicinity are reached at about 100 feet below the surface.

Mt. Pleasant is about the highest point in the western part of the county. No other evidence of gas is noticed besides the bubbling and disturbed condition of the water, which, if it does not subside, will puzzle the owner as to what disposition to make of his well. The well was located on a slight rise of ground to be convenient for a new house and barn which was to be built later for the tenant. There is much curiosity as to what is the cause of the unusual actions of the well, and whether the bubbling and noise will continue for any length of time. None of the other wells in the vicinity have displayed such an agitation.—Alert.

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